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MR. CRAMP ON THE SUBSIDY

The Well Known Shipbuilder Gives Interesting Testimony Before Industrial Commission

SHIP BUILDING

The Witness Is Confident That Without a Subsidy the American Merchant Marine Can Never Be Rehabilitated-An Opportunity Is Now Offered Americans by the Demand for Ships Created by the South African War, Which Has Ruined England's Trans-Atlantic Industry.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prest.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.-Charles H. Cramp, head of the Cramp Shipbuil!ing company, appeared before the Industrial commission today and gave some interesting testimeny regarding marine architecture. He read a history of the industry in this city, during which he stated that from 1710 to the present time Philadelphia has led this country in ship-building.

Mr. Farquhar, of the commission, wanted to know why it is that American money does not seek investment in trans-Atlantic and Pacific trade. "The first reason," Mr. Cramp replied, " is that it does not pay, and

the second is that the people haven't been educated to the business. A person cannot make money unless he has been educated in the use of it."

Mr. Farquhar asked if it was true, as reported, that the increased cost of building a ship in this country over that of a foreign built vessel was responsible for the lack of American interest in this industy. Mr. Cramp said the first cost of a ship was scarcely worth consideration, but that the cost of operating the vessel, which was a daily expenditure, was an important item. Continuing, Mr. Cramp asserted that some Americans are buying cast-off British ships at bargain prices, and are denouncing the subsidy bill because they will not benefit by it. Mr. Cramp said the cost of operating foreign vessels is less than that of American ships, and American people acquainted with the business can operate ships if they are given the difference.

'In order to rehabilitate the merchant marine so that American goods and return cargoes may be carried in American bottoms and the profit go to out of the building. Although the room Americans, what would you suggest asked Mr. Farquhar.

"I am in favor of the subsidy bill, replied Mr. Cramp. "The shipyar" in either England or America cannot build ships enough to supply the demand. This being the case, and vessels being needed. I think if we can build more of our own by the introduction of free ships we should do it The merchant marine cannot be reha bilitated without a subsidy."

Hanna Bill About Right.

Mr. Cramp said he thought the subsidy named in the Hanna bill was "about right." He said also that there seemed to be some apprehension that only the big lines, notably the International Navigation company, would secure the bulk of the subsidy. This idea, he asserted, was erroneous, because the large freight ships will secure a considerable portion of it.

Regarding the opposition to the subsidy bill, Mr. Cramp said it came from numerous sources, one of them being oertain western railroads, which, he said, "have looted the United States treasury through grants of land." He believed that most of this opposition was the result of spite and jealousy. Mr. Litchman asked as to the opportunity at present offered the American shipowner.

Mr. Cramp replied that they were never better.

The trans-Atlantic industry of England has been ruined by the South African war," he continued. "The Brit'sh government took nearly all the merchant ships for transports. This has made an enormous demand for vessels. There is our chance, but we must be assisted."

Another reason why this country should have more ships, Mr. Cramp said, is the steadily decreasing coal supply of Europe. Eventually, he said, all Europe will come to this country for

Mr. Cramp said he had always favored discriminating duties, but that he considers as a benefit any method by which shipowners may save themselves from the greater expense of operating ves-

Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session Robert Dorman, manufacturer of ingrain carpets, informed the commission that the importation of matting from China had greatly injured the ingrain carpet industry. Mr. Dorman said it retails at from 15 to 29 cents a square yard. The cost of ingrain carpet is 4714 cents a square yard. The fact of China being on a silver basis reduces the price of matting in this country 0 per cent. As there are 25,000 in train carpet weavers in the United States, Mr. Dorman suggested severa remedies for the existing condition in the trade. He said an international agreement on the subject of bi-metal lism would be valuable, and suggested an increase of 130 per cent. in the duty on matting.

Robert H. Foerderer, congressmanat-large-elect, and an extensive manurfacturer of glazed or vici kid, detailed the history of that industry. He said the leather had taken the place of French kid, which is no longer imported to this country, and that there a large sale for the material broad. Mr. Foerderer said his output averaged about \$8,000,000 a year. He employs 20,500 hands, most-

ly foreigners, as Americans are not

inclined to work in tanneries. MR. CLEVELAND ADDRESSES

PIERCE SCHOOL PUPILS A Vast Audience Listens to His Re-

marks at Philadelphia. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.-Former President Grover Cleveland tonight delivered the annual address at the graduation exercises of the thirty-fifth class of the Pierce school of business at the Academy of Music. The ex-president, accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland, arrived here this afternoon from Princeton, and during their stay in the city were the guests of L. Clarke Davis managing editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and Mrs. Davis. Admission to the Academy was by envitation card, and the vast auditorium was crowded to the doors.

HEROIC TEACHERS AT A SCHOOL FIRE

Governor Stone presided at the

graduating exercises. He made a brief

address, and then introduced Mr. Cleveland.

A Panic Was Averted in Building No. 44, New York, by Coolness of Two Teachers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 21.-While celebrating Christmas festivities in public school No. 44, this afternoon, a fire occurred in which two were badly burned. The whole school was thrown into a panie

Carrie Hanley, fourteen years of age, was attired in a Santa Claus costume and was reciting a Christmas story to the 150 pupils assembled in the double classroom on the third floor. While gesticulating as she spoke, her headegar, made of cotton batting, became ignited with a gas jet. She was soon enveloped in flames, and rushed down the platform on which she was standing, down the center aisle. A Christmas tree on the right of the platform had by this time ignited and burned fiercely for several minutes. Cries of "Fire!" from the panic-stricken children echoed through the classrooms and halls. A mad rush for the three exits in the classroom was made, although none of the children was injured. Miss Ella Conway, the principal of the female department, who was conducting the exercises, displayed remarkable heroism. Regardless of her own safety, sha made a dash for the burning child. Throwing her arms about her, she extinguished the flames.

When the first cry of fire arose, Miss Amelia Wedekind, the music teacher, can to the plane and commenced playing a march, calling out as she did for the children to form in line and march was filled with smoke and she was almost stiffed, she bravely stuck to her

post until the room was cleared. Other teachers did the same, and the frightened children were marched out, When the excitement was over it was found that Carrie Hanley was so badly burned that she will likely die. Miss Conway was severely burned about the hands

RAILROAD EARNINGS ON THE INCREASE

State of Business as Indicated by Report of Major Brown, Chief of Bureau of Railways.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 21.-The advance sheets of the second section of the anqual report for the fiscal year ended June 20 last, of Major Isaac Brown, chief of the state bureau of railways takes up the earnings and income in the Pennsylvania railroads during the year and the chapters of accidents resulting from the operating of the great common carriers.

The total amount of earnings and ncome from all sources for the roads coporting is \$498,012,493.

Practically all the railroads whose eports are made to the bureau, show decided increase in their income from operation and in cases where these corporations own bonds and stocks of other railroads and other corporations he increase in income from these sources is no inconsiderable amount. The total expenses for the year not including any amounts paid for dividends, was \$428,837,899. The amount of money expended by these corporations for conducting transportation was \$163.848,878; the total amount of general expenses, including all office expenses, and printing, was \$10,212,202, and total operating expenses were \$292.788. 977. The total amount of dividends paid during the year was \$37,013,306.

Major Brown says: "In some respects the report gives assurances that conditions are improving. The results of the year's operations are by no means what they should be, however, 21,357 passengers, employes and other persons killed and injured being by far too great a numer to convince the thoughtful man that all has been done that can be done to prevent these thousands of casualties, the killing and maining of

so many persons." President Invited to California.

y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.-Senator Foster and Representative Jenes, of Washington, called at the white house today and invited the president to extend his trip to San Francisco in May to include Scattle, Tucoma, North Yakimi, Spokam and other towns in Washington. The president readily assented providing nothing occurred to

Marshal of Inaugural Parade.

y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21. Senator Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee, and announced the appointment of General Francis Vinton Grecue, of New York, to be chief marshal of the inaugural parade, March 4 next. Gen-eral Greene is a soldier of wide reputation and has long been prominent in the Republican

THE PRISON

The Omaha Police Have Located the House Where the Young Man Was Gonfined.

FOUR MILES FROM CITY

The Building Easy of Access, Yet So Situated as to Allow the Desperadoes Ample Opportunity to Carry Out Their Plans Without Molestation from Inquiring Neighbors. Detectives Working for Big Re-

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Omaha, Dec. 21.-The result of twenty fours hours' work on the part of the police of the city and half a hundred detectives has established the location of the house in which Edward Cudahy, jr., was held a prisoner for nearly two days. The house is located four miles from the city and in a place of easy access/ but so situated as to allow the desperadoes ample opportunity to lay and carry out their plan without molestation from inquir ing neighbors. Within easy communication by rail and wagon roads to Omaha and South Omaha and on a high knoll where sentinels could give immediate alarm in case of necessity. the one and a half story shack was admirably chosen by the bandits. No doubt exists in the minds of the police as to the identity of the place. Young Cudahy himself was taken to the house which he had recognized while a blindfolded prisoner.

the effect that several strange men were seen about the house Tuesday and Wednesday leads every one to believe this was the retreat of the abductors. Evidences show that they made a hurrled retreat when their night's work was completed.

Besiding locating the house in which the men were located prior to the kidnapping, the police have made no progress looking to a capture of any of the outlaws. This afternoon an official of the

Omaha National bank confirmed Mr. 'udahy's statement that he had withdrawn from that institution the \$25,000 paid the ransom to secure the return of his son.

Cudahy for the capture of the kidnapcase to redouble their efforts and Chief Donahue said tonight he felt confident of locating part, or all, of the men engaged in the crime.

ACCIDENTAL POISONING.

Four Persons Are Prostrated by Some Unknown Cause.

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 21.-Neus and Cladlus Jump, bachelor brothers. about 70 years of age, were found dead vesterday in separate rooms of their residence at King Ferry, this county. In two other rooms lay unconscious Miss Susan Jump, their sister, and George Frank, a servant who had been in their employ about twenty years. The four were the only occupants of he house.

They all are supper together the night before and it is believed that they were the victims of accidental poisoning in their food. Miss Jump has since recovered consciousness, but Frank, who is an invalid, is still unconscious. The coroner is investigating.

LOOKING FOR LITTEL.

Plainfield Police Want the Fortune Teller. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 21.-The Plainfield police, on behalf of some twenty women residents of Plainfield, N. J., are anxious to find "Prof." Littel, who, after advertising heavily in local newspapers, induced the women to part with money. Littel advertised himself as a dairvoyant.

Mrs. W. H. D. Drake tells the chief of police that she consulted Littel about 'amily affairs and he got \$500 from her by changing an envelope containing that sum for one having in it nothing but paper. Her sister parted with \$50. she says, and the other of the score of women are minus from \$1 up.

President of Mine Workers. ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 2.-John Faby, of Pottsville, the present incumbent, was elected resident of the Ninth anthracite district of the nited Mine Workers of America, with very little opposition at the morning session today. The balance of the session and the early part of the afternoon was consumed in receiving reports and speechmaking, in which President Nichol, of the First district, and Benjamin James, of the national executive board participated,

Confessed to Murder. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 21.-Samuel Vanover toof Miss Mina Hall, a widow, and her ld-year-ol son., Charles, in the mountain hamlet of Boone's Fork, November 13, last. Vanover lived at the Itali home and on his testimony Solomon and Elijah Fleming were arrested, indicted for der and narrowly escaped lynching. Vanover bac \$400, part of the proceeds of his crime, sewed in his clothes when he confessed.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 21.-Arrived: Beutschlass rom Bremen. Cleare 1: Umbria, Liverpool: Rotterdam, Rotterdam, via Boulogne, Hamburg-Arrived: Patricia, from New York via Plymouth Havre—Arrived: La Bretagne, New York, Liv-erpool—Arrived: Germanie, New York, Brow-head—Passed: Lucania New York for Liverpool.

PEKIN AGREEMENT.

OF CUDAHY Document Signed by Ministers of Powers Contains Demands for Severe Penalties.

> By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, Dec. 21.-It is learned here that the agreement signed by the ministers of the powers at Pekin naming conditions as a preliminary to the negotiations for peace terms, contains a demand for the severest penalties that China car impose in the punishment of the high officials believed to be responsible for the Boxer outrages. This refers particularly to the eleven prominent Chinese nobles whose names have been mentioned in the press dispatches as those whom some of the pations cortended should be executed. Our government has persistently held to the position that penalties should not be inflicted on the Chinese government which she vas unable to carry out. The demand for the death penalties was stricken out of the agreement and that for the severest penalties possible inserted. The agreement probably will be made public here tomorrow if word reaches Washington that Mr. Conger has affixed his signature to it.

ROGER WOLCOTT PASSES AWAY

The Ex-Governor of Massachusetts Expires at Boston-Sketch of a Briniant Career.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 21.-Ex-Governor Wal-

cott died at 3.40 p. m. Roger Wolcott was born in Boston, July 13, 1847, the son of J. Huntington and Cornelia Frothingham-Wolcott. He is a descendant of the Roger Woland identified many of the features cott who was second in command of the expedition of Sir William Pepperell against Cape Breton in 1745, The testimony of the neighbors to which resulted in the capture of Louis-

> Another ancestor was Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Both of these Wolcotts were governors of Connecticut. One of his ancestors, on his mother's side, was active and prominent during the revolutionary period as a member of the Charleston committee of safety and another took part in the Boston tea party.

Roger Wolcott was educated in Bos-ton private schools and at Harvard university, from which he graduated in the class of 1879. Governor Wolcott's public career began in 1877, as in gold with which the latter states he a member of the Boston common council, in which he served three years. Then he was elected to the lower house The reward of \$25,000 offered by Mr. of the legislature, where he served called. In reply to General Brooke, among the leader and winning disgovernor in 1893, '94 and '95 and upon outcome of that interference, the death of Governor Greenhalge became acting governor in 1896. In the fall of 1896 he was elected governor and | place Booz in that position. in 1897 and '98 he was re-elected.

Mr. Wolcott always was a Republiopposed his party's candidate for the presidency and voted for Grover Cleveland.

On Sept. 2, 1874, Mr Wolcott was married to Miss Edith Prescott, granddaughter of William H. Prescott, the historian, and great granddaughter of Colonel William Prescott, who commanded the provincials at the battle of Bunker Hill. They have four sons and one daughter now living.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Both Senate and House Will Be Closed Until January 3, 1901.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, Dec. 21.-Both the senate and house adjourned today for the noliday recess until January 3, 1901. Today's sessions were quite brief.

In the senate, upon the body conconing the death was announced of Mrs. William P. Frye, wife of the president pro tem, of the senate. Out of re- an ex-convict, who was given eleven spect to her memory the senate imediately adjourned.

In the house the death of Representative Richard A. Wise, of Virginia, vas announced. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and the speaker appointed a committee of seventeen members to attend the funeral. Then, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the

house adjourned until January 3.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

John Griffin Was Found Dead in His Bed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 21.-John Griffin, aged seventy-five, was found dead in bed last night at his home in this city and beside him lay his wife in an unconscious condition. Grffin's body was frightfully decomposed. It is believed he has been dead since Sunday, when he was last seen returning from church.

Mrs. Griffin is still unconscious and may die. The post-mortem examination showed that Griffin's heart was diseased, but it is believed that both were overcome by coal gas.

Extra Pay for Yeomanry.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 22.-The secretary of state for war, Mr. William St. John Brodrick, announces that in view of the prolongation of the war in South Africa, members of the Imperial Yeomanny will be paid five shillings instead of one shilling and two pence per day. Militiamen are promised priority of return over regulars.

Sentenced for Manslaughter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mays Landing, N. J., Dec. 21.-Richard an John Mathias, cousins, who have been on trust for the murder of Wm. H. Mathews, a Penasylvania railroad employe, were today convicted of manshoughter and sentenced to ten and seven years' imprisonment respectively.

BOOZ INQUIRY IS CONTINUED

Witnesses Testify That the Victim of the Hazing Was Not Mentally Equipped to Graduate.

STORY OF THE BATTLE

Is Related by Keller, the Young Man Who Fought with Booz at Fort Putnam-Witnesses Fail to Discover Anything Brutal in the Features of Fisticuff Amusement-Cadet Deen Cannot Remember About the Tobasco Sauce.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prest. West Point, N. Y., Dec. 21.-The milltary court of inquiry into the alleged brutal cases of hazing, which are said to have caused the death of Cadets Booz and Breth, will not be able to finish its work this week.

An adjournment until Wednesday or Thursday will be taken after tomorrow's session, and the remainder of the testimony probably will be secured at the end of next week.

Today the story of the fight between Keller and Booz in Fort Putnam, on the 6th of August, 1898, was told by Keller himself, as well as by some of the seconds and the sentinels who were posted to watch for officers who might Interfere.

Several witnesses testified to the lack of mental vitality possessed by Booz, and Instructor of Mathematics Lieutenant W. F. Coe said that his mental qualities were insufficient to enable him to pass the necessary examinations, with the inference that it was on this ecount that Booz resigned rather than be found deficient.

A letter was read in court from the Rev. Dr. Allison, of Bristol, Pa. It was written in reply to the one published from Cadet Burnett, president of the Young Men's Christian association at the academy. Dr. Allison says that Booz was not a man to read novels hidden in a Bible. Cadet Prentice testified today that he saw Booz reading a paper-backed book hidden inside a Bible, but he could not tell the name

Bettison's Interference.

Cadet W. R. Bettison, of Kentucky, who spoke to Booz when the latter was doing sentry duty, correcting him for not covering his post properly, was from 1882 to 1884, taking a position; Bettison acknowledged that it was a violation of the regulations to talk to tinction as a hard and trustworthy the man on guard and also that the worker. He was elected lieutenant fight between Booz and Keller was the

General Brooke, speaking very angrily, told Bettison that he had no right to

Cadet Fred L. Deen, of Texas, who when a "plebe" in the academy, fought can, but in the campaign of 1884 he an upper class man and was only and there are many damage suits now beaten after fighting fifty-eight rounds, was one of the last witnesses. During the investigation it was said by some witnesses that Deen had given tobasco sauce to Booz. Deen said he did not remember having done so, but he might have. However, he was positive that no force was used on Booz. He said he took pity on Booz and wanted him to brace up, so that he would feel good. Nothing adduced in the evidence showed that there was any brutal hazing practiced at the academy, and the trend of the evidence went to show that neither Booz nor Breth was possessed of the necessary character to go through

the entire course of studies necessary for graduation. SENTENCE IN ELECTION CASES.

Fraudulent Voters Will Pay the

Penalty in New York. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 21.-Recorder Goff. today gave the following sentences in the election cases; Fatrick McNulty, months for voting: Patrick Moore, one year for attempting to vote in the place of another man; Lorenzo Pincoli, six months for voting, and Joseph B. Webb, distranchised for felony, nine months, for voting.

Pincoli's lawyer, addressing court, said: "My client paid a politician in the street cleaning department 25 for a situation, and was told that he could not get the place unless he voted as the politician directed."

Big Storm on English Coast.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prest London, Dec. 21.-The telegraph wires a seing slowly restored and news is arriving. gale has done great damage generally in the north of England and Scotland.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hollidaysburg, Pa., Dec. 21.-David Over, ed ftor of the Hollidaysburg Register, and a news paperman of a half century standing died here today, aged 76 years. The deceased was a Mexican war veteran. Among the newspapers that he successfully edited were the Bedford Inquirer and the Lewistown Gazette. In 1856 he wa elected treasurer of Bedford county. In 1887 l served as treasurer of Blair county. He was on of the famed 36 delegates who stood by Genera Grant in the national Republican convention at Chicago.
Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—Ex-Congressman Joi

Hart Brewer, deputy appraiser of the port of New York, died at his home in this city late this afternoon. He had been ill for about a nonth. Mr. Brewer was a member of congrfrom 1881 to 1885. Mr. Brewer was 56 years o age. He was a lineal descendant of John Hart age. ne of th esigners of the Declaration of Indi-

Belfast, Dec. 21. Jere Foster, who has been ngaged for the last fifty years in assisting the migration of nearly 25,000 young women from the congested districts of the west of Ireland and in the building or furnishing of over 2 200 national schools in every part of Ireland, died here today. He was born at Copenhagen in 1839 and was formerly in the British diplomatic service in South America.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

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ANOTHER CAVE-IN ... PITTSTON

The Surface Over the Pennsylvania Coal Company Mines, on Parsonage Street, Sinks.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittston, Pa., Dec. 21.-The cave-in of the surface over the mines of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pittston assumed the most serious proportions today, when a part of Parsonage street fell six inches for a radius of half a mile and in one section the settling was almost forty feet below the level of the thoroughfare. All during the previous night the residents of that prominent avenue felt tremors of the earth and when morning dawned new crevices in the street and about their homes spread additional terror among the people. The serious fall occurred about 11 o'clock and was accompanied by a loud report. The people of the section rushed into the street only to find that a portion of the surface about thirty feet in diameter had fallen into the mines, burst the water main and otherwise damaged property. The officials of the company were quickly summoned and employes were stationed about the seriously affected portion. A fence was built and this afternoon the hole was filled with logs. The settling, however, continues. As fast as the fissures appear they are filled, but the wrecked homes of the damage to the property of the com- butt ends of their rides with great pany and the owners of the property | effect. on the streets cannot as yet be estimated. The squeeze in the old workings continues and the inhabitants of that entire section of the city are in hourly fear of being precipitated into the mines. The Ravine shaft was but recently purchased by the Pennsyl-

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN HOLIDAY TRADE

sult of disturbances of the present

No Reduction in Working Forces or Concessions in Prices This Year-Orders Ahead

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 21.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Better weather conditions on the Atantic seaboard and pronounced activity in distribution of all staple lines of merchandise at southern cities have imparted a slightly more aggressive

tone to general business. Unchanged conditions in the leading manufacturing industry during the last week before the holidays mean much. At this time in ordinary years furnaces close down in large numbers and dullness is general at mills and shops where iron and steel are handled. Instead of reduction of working force or concessions in price this year, however, reports from the principal cities indicate the existence of contracts that will take months to fill and new sales are made at the former level, despite much talk of cheaper ore next year. Fuel declined about twenty-five cents a ton recently, but this is as far as the cost of raw material has been reduced. It is seldom possible to secure prompt delivery of partially manufactured forms r finished products and each week brings more orders from abroad, while the November statement of British exports shows another decrease, compared

with last year, in these products. Other industries exhibit the same indifference to precedent. Instead of hollday quiet in the wool market, the last week's figures of sales at the three chief eastern markets amount to 7,238, 000 pounds, against 6,785,800 in the pre-

ceding week. Failures for the week were 293 in the United States against 220 last week, and 18 in Canada against 26 last year

Divorce Agent Sentenced.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 21.-Recorder Goff today sentenced Henry Zeimer, one of the heads of a fraudulent divorce bureau, to ten years in state prison, and James Holden, alias Frank Wilson. professional co-respondent, to three years state prison. Mrs. Bryde Herrick and Mary Thompson, who said they had testified falsely in divorce cases, were allowed to go under sus

pension of sentence. Negro Lynched Was Innocent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 21.-Henry Lewis, the alleged negro murder of Marshal Richardson, ha not been caught. The negro lynched was, it appears, a cousin of the alleged murderer, and was

THE ESCAPE OF DE WET

It is Regarded as One of the Boldest incidents of the Boer War.

FOR LIBERTY

Whole of Burghers' Force of 2,500 Men Galloped in Open Order Through Weak Spot in British Lines-President Steyn Led the Charge and De Wet Brought Up the Rear-Their First Attempt to Get Out of the Trap Failed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bloemfontein, Thursday, Dec. 20.-The details of General DeWet's escape from the encircling British columns furnish one of the boldest incidents of the war. When Haasbrock's commando joined De Wet on Dec. 12, some fifteen miles east of Thaba N'chu, General Knox was only about an hour distant, and the Boer situation appeared desperate. But De Wet was

equal to the occasion. Dispatching Haasbrock westward, o make a feint at Victoria Nek, the Boer leader prepared to break through the British columns at Spring haan Nek Pass, about four miles of broad. flat, unbroken ground. At the entrance were two fortified posts, while artillery was posted on a hill eastward, watching the Boers.

Suddenly a magnificent spectacle

was presented. The whole Boer army, of 2,500 men, started at a gallop, in open order, through the Nek. President Steyn and Pelt Fourie led the charge and De Wet brought up the The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first tried the eastward route; but en-

countering artillery they diverged and galloped to the foot of the hill to the westward, where the fire of only a single post was effective. The whole manoeuvre was a piece of magnificent daring and its success was complete, in spite of the loss of

a fifteen-pounder and twenty-five prisoners. The Eritish force detached after Haarbrock came in contact with his commando at nightfall. The burghers were scattered and the Welsh Yeomanry galloped among the retreating residents of the street remain. The Boers, using their revolvers and the

An incident of the fight was the gallep of a Eritish ammunition wagon right through the scattered Boers, the gunners using their revolvers freely.

Brabant to the Front. Cape Town, Dec. 21.-General Brabant, commander of the newly raised vania company. It was formerly colonial division, has been ordered to owned by the Newton Coal company the front and will start tomorrow. At Thorndale General French has pending in the county courts as a re-

> nom pom. Thorndale is 16 miles northwest of Krugersdorp. The fight took place on Dec. 19. The British had fourteen wounded and the Boers fled in disorder, with about fifty killed. The Boers who invaded Cape Colony

routed 2,500 Boers with four guns and

dition to those they rode. All were in the pink of condition. They commandeered all possible clothing and stores at Venterstadt.

had in most cases pack horses in ad-

Cape Town, Dec. 21 .- General Baden-Powell will start for the Transvaal tomorrow. The Boers derailed a train at Barberton, killing an inspector and others.

SCHOONER SKINNER STRANDED Captain and Crew Landed in

Breeches Buoy. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lewes, Del., Dec. 21,-The schooner N. H. Skinner, Captain E. Whatley, with lumber from Wilmington, N. C., stranded early this morning on Cape Henlopen. The Lewes and Henlopen life-savers rescued the schooner's crew of nine in the breeches buoy during a severe hallstorm. The life-savers first boarded the schooner with a life-boat, but the captain and crew refused to leave, as the tug North American had arrived and run a hawser to the schooner and Captain Wheatley expected to be floated at high water. A northeast gale with hall set in, however, and the sea was soon making a clean sweep over the stranded vessel compelling the crew to take to the rigging and signal for help. They were

Pig Iron Slump.

then landed in the breeches buoy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stockton On Tes, England, Dec. 21.-The pig from shown is keenly felt in the Cleveland dis-trict. More furnaces will have stopped on De-cember 51 than have been known to shut down nce 1886. The production of the district has decreased 35,00 tons monthly. The furnace owndurning the last six months and that pig iron cannot be produced at a profit.

Trial of Captain Herlihy. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 21 .- The trial of Police Cap. tain Herlihy who has been charged with inef-ticiency, violations of the rules of the police department and conduct unbecoming an office insulting Rev. Robert L. Paddock, of the Protestant Episcopal pro-cathedral, was formally begun today before the board of police commis-steners. Herlihy, by his attorney, entered a pica of not guilty and at the latter's request the was adjourned until next Friday.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 91.-Forecast for eastern Pennsylvahia: Fair and warmer Saturday and Sunday: fresh northerly winds becoming variable,